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TAGS: PEPR, PK, AF, LY

SUBJECT: LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS ISLAMABAD

1. SUMMARY: THE LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER OVERNIGHTED IN ISLAMABAD

9-10 MAY ON HIS WAY TO KABUL WHERE HE IS LOOKING TO MAKE FRIENDS

AMONG THE REVOLUTIONARIES AND TAKE THE PULSE OF THE REVOLUTION.

HE RETURNS TO ISLAMABAD FOR A BRIEF STOP ON 11 MAY. END SUMMARY.

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2. LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL SALAM AL-TREIKI MADE A

PREVIOUSLY UNANNOUNCED STOP IN ISLAMABAD ON 9 AND 10 MAY ENROUTE

A VISIT TO KABUL. HE MET SENIOR PAKISTAN OFFICIALS ON THE 9TH,

INCLUDING FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ (ACTING AS DE FACTO FOREIGN

MINISTER IN THE ABSENCE, IN TEHRAN, OF FOREIGN ADVISOR AGHA

SHAH), AND HE MET CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL ZIA

UL-HAQ ON THE 10TH BEFORE DEPARTING FOR KABUL; HE ALSO MET ZIA ON

THE 9TH AS WELL.

3. TREIKI TOLD NEWSMEN IN RAWALPINDI THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP TO KABUL IS TO MEET WITH AFGHANISTAN'S NEW LEADERS AND TO PROMOTE LIBYAN-AFGHAN RELATIONS. PREJUDGING WHAT HE EXPECTS TO FIND, TREIKI SAID LIBYA IS CONVINCED THAT AFGHANISTAN INTENDS TO PURSUE A NON-ALIGNED COURSE AND THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN WILL IMPROVE OVER TIME. BOWING TO HIS HOSTS, HE NOTED THAT LIBYA HAS THE "BEST OF RELATIONS" WITH PAKISTAN AND THAT LIBYA WANTS TO SEE PAKISTAN PROSPER AS A STRONG AND STABLE STATE.

4. AT A BRIEF MEETING LAST EVENING, SHAHNAWAZ TOLD AMB THAT THE VISIT HERE AND TO KABUL WAS AT LIBYAN INITIATIVE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTEDLY TOLD THE FONSEC THAT THE LIBYANS WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN REGARDING THE "STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS" IN KABUL. FONSEC -- WHO DID NOT SIT IN ON THE 10 MAY MEETING WITH ZIA -- SAID THAT TREIKI WAS EVASIVE ON THE QUESTION OF A NEW LIBYAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN. SHAHNAWAZ WAS NOT SATISFIED THAT THE GOP KNOWS FOR SURE WHAT THE LIBYAN IS UP TO, HIS VISIT TO KABUL IS "PUZZLING" AND POTENTIALLY DISTURBING, REFLECTING THAT ALTHOUGH THE LIBYANS ARE "FANATIC MUSLIMS" (GOOD NEWS), THEY ARE ALSO "SOFT ON THE RUSSIANS" (BAD NEWS).

5. SHAHNAWAZ TOLD AMB THAT GOP HAD ASKED LIBYAN FONMIN TO EXPRESS THE HOPE FOR GOOD AFGHAN-PAKISTAN RELATIONS WHILE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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KABUL -- A CHORE WHICH THE LIBYAN APPARENTLY UNDERTOOK TO DO. (ON THAT SUBJECT, WE NOTE REPORT CIRCULATING IN ISLAMABAD THAT AFGHAN RADIO HAS VISIBLY REDUCED ITS "PUSHTOONISTAN" PROGRAMMING FROM TWO HOURS DAILY TO ONE AND HAS SHARPLY REDUCED ITS PLAYING OF "PUSHTOONISTAN" SONGS. CAN KABUL CONFIRM?)

6. MFA TELLS US THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE LIBYAN WILL STOP AGAIN IN ISLAMABAD ON 11 MAY TO MEET AND LUNCH WITH FOREIGN ADVISER AGHA SHAHI, WHO RETURNS FROM TEHRAN THIS EVENING.

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